

Service Date: January 28, 2015

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF the Request of ) REGULATORY DIVISION  
NorthWestern Energy for Approval to )  
Change the Bonneville Power ) DOCKET NO. D2015.1.5  
Administration Residential Exchange Credit )

**NOTICE OF FILING**  
**AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

On January 26, 2015, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NWE), filed a request to change its Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Residential Exchange Program (REP) Credit effective March 1, 2015, to reflect a decrease in REP benefits that NWE will receive from BPA.

NWE proposes to true-up the REP prior period balance and actual monthly activity through December 2014, and to change the effective date of future REP rate changes to October 1. NWE specifically proposes to credit \$5,160,822 to customers over a twelve-month period beginning March 1, 2015 to reflect, in part, a prior period REP balance of \$(78,020) and a forecasted REP balance of \$(5,067,106). NWE's filing would establish BPA Credit rates per kilowatt-hour by customer class as shown in the following table:

<u>Rate Classes</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Residential	\$ (0.006810)	\$ (0.002032)	\$ 0.004778
Residential Employee	\$ (0.004086)	\$ (0.001219)	\$ 0.002867
General Service Secondary	\$ (0.006810)	\$ (0.002032)	\$ 0.004778
Irrigation	\$ (0.006810)	\$ (0.002032)	\$ 0.004778
Lighting	\$ (0.006810)	\$ (0.002032)	\$ 0.004778

As a result of the change, the bill for a typical customer using 750 kilowatt-hours per month will increase \$3.58 per month or \$42.96 per year.

The Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3 of the Montana Code Annotated. *See e.g.* Mont. Code Ann. § 69-3-302 (2014). A copy of NWE's filing is available for inspection at the PSC's business offices,

1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana 59601, and may also be viewed on its website at <http://psc.mt.gov> under Docket D2015.1.5. The Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC), which represents consumer interests before the PSC, also has a copy of the filing available for inspection at 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, Montana 59620-1703, telephone (406) 444-2771.

Any interested person who is directly affected by the filing and wants to be a party to this Docket or request a hearing must file a petition to intervene with the PSC **no later than February 13, 2015** (intervention deadline). By the intervention deadline, a person petitioning for intervention must: (1) Submit the petition electronically (e-file) on the PSC's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Account Login/Registration" under "Electronic Documents" tab); and (2) physically deliver or mail the original petition to the PSC at the above address. The PSC will not post an e-filed petition to its website until it receives the original from the petitioner. A person petitioning for intervention in this docket must also serve a hard copy of the petition on NWE, 40 East Broadway, Butte, Montana, 59701, and the MCC at the address above.

An interested person who does not wish to formally intervene in this docket may mail or deliver written comments to the PSC at the above address, or submit comments electronically on the PSC's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Comment on Proceedings").

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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